

## STATEN ISLANDERS TO WALK MONDAY

Trolley Company Announces All Service Will Be Discontinued.

## I. R. T. SHOWS BIG GAINS

Increase in Ticket Sales at Pennsylvania Station 60 Per Cent. in Year.

Declarations that Staten Island trolley lines would have to stop running were not taken seriously by the Board of Estimate when the condition of those lines was debated a few days ago and no relief was granted. Yesterday the company posted notices that all service would come to an abrupt end on Monday.

The cars to be stopped are those of the Midland Railroad Company, which includes the Silver Lake, Richmond and Manor road lines. No other trolleys serve the territory covered by these lines, which radiate from the St. George ferry, excepting the Tottenville division of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company which parallels the Richmond line. Passenger travel has been so heavy as to call for the operation of three section trains from the St. George ferry.

Borough President Calvin D. Van Name, who as a member of the Board of Estimate opposed the seven cent fare for the lines, admitted in a brief statement last night that he favored a fare increase for the Midland line, although not for others. He reassured that he was ready to install buses and promised they would give better service than the cars.

Commuters and the twelve members of the Chamber of Commerce who were appointed by Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon to report on the condition of the lines, however, voiced their disapproval of buses, declaring that they could not accommodate the crowds now using the trolley lines. Staten Island manufacturers also joined in the opposition and estimated that 20 per cent. of the factory employees would be unable to reach their work thus threatening a crippling of industry.

Ticket sales on the Interborough Rapid Transit Company's subway lines were 60 per cent. more at Pennsylvania station during December than in the corresponding month a year before, and similar increases were shown at other subway stations, according to preliminary records compiled yesterday by the Public Service Commission.

At Times square the December increase was 27 per cent. and at Grand Central 20 per cent. The figures were taken as evidence that the increased patronage on the rapid transit lines is offsetting the financial predicament of the Interborough company.

Job E. Hedges, receiver of the New York Railways Company, declared that the surface lines, confronted with a \$1,500,000 debt for taxes alone, have shown a slight increase in passenger traffic, but that it is not sufficient to lead to any encouragement and cannot be, inasmuch as the "point of saturation" has been reached. The tax debt has been staved off by small payments to escape penalties, he said.

Mr. Hedges said he believed the Brooklyn surface lines which were separated from the B. R. T. system and are now being run independently are earning operating expenses and taxes due to the fact that they have abolished transfers and are receiving the full benefit of fares. The Eighth and Ninth avenue surface lines in Manhattan, which were similarly severed from the New York Railways, are also understood to be meeting operating charges and taxes for the same reason.

## SELF MENTIONED AS BERLIN ENVOY TO U. S.

Dr. Heckscher Also Regarded as a Possibility.

BERLIN, Jan. 14 (delayed).—Dr. W. Solz, former German Foreign Minister, and Dr. Siegfried Heckscher, a former member of the Reichstag, are mentioned as among the available candidates for appointment as Ambassador to Washington.

Dr. Solz was former Governor of Saxony and Colonial Minister in the old regime. Dr. Heckscher, a former director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, has been stationed at The Hague recently, where he was connected with the commercial department of the German legation. He was a progressive in the Reichstag.

## EQUIPMENT TRUST PLAN NEAR.

Initiative Draft of Financial Apportionment Made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Various technical provisions of the individual equipment trusts for the financing of the railroad rolling stock and locomotives purchased by the Railroad Administration and allocated to the various carriers were worked out in a conference today of attorneys representing the Railroad Administration, the roads affected and interested financial institutions.

The trust forms are nearing final shape. The discussions to-day were entirely of a legal and technical nature, and conclusions as to the financing of the huge sum involved were not sufficiently definite for announcement. A tentative final draft was concluded and after study all around it will be printed. Another conference in the near future is regarded as likely.

## SAY WHEN AGAIN IN FRONT.

Wins Yacht Race Despite Torn Jib.

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 15.—Handicapped by a torn jib on the last round of a fast ten mile race for the Thomas Henry Grant pennant, sailed in a stiff northwest wind which put two of the five starters out of commission, Thomas Irving Brown's Say when covered the course in 20 minutes and finished ahead of Henry Appleton's White by 1 minute 30 seconds. Andrew White's Bonnie finished third after being statted about by the heavy wind that made spectacular racing. George W. Bray's Daisy, which Skipper Del Pheg was unable to hold to the ice, withdrew, and Grant and Morford's Tyro, sailed by Oscar Brand, crabbing and spinning over the ice, parted a jib halyard and was forced out of the going.

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## NEW FOUND GUILTY OF SLAYING FIANCEE

Jury Returns Verdict of Murder in Second Degree.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—The jury, after having been locked up overnight, returned today a verdict of murder in the second degree in the case of Harry S. New for the murder of Miss Freda Lesser.

Coupled with the verdict was a recommendation that the court order the defendant placed in an institution for a "reasonable length of time for observation as to his mental condition."

Freda Lesser was murdered about midnight, July 4, at 3 o'clock the following morning. New appeared at Central police station in Los Angeles, summoned Ben McCann, night chief of detectives, by beating on a desk in the detective bureau with the butt of an automatic pistol, and said:

"Here's my gun; the girl's outside in the machine."

In a small sedan car, which New had driven to the police station, McCann found the lifeless body, a bullet hole in her head.

New confessed he and Miss Lesser had driven to a trysting place in Topanga Canyon, where they had quarreled because the girl wished to postpone their wedding, which was to have taken place the following night. Miss Lesser admitted, according to New, that she was expecting motherhood. That it was New asserted, that he fired the shot that ended his sweetheart's life.

New is the son of United States Senator Harry S. New of Indiana. Lillian Scudder, a famous beauty of Indianapolis thirty-five years ago. His mother hastened from Indianapolis to aid him in his fight for life.

Police investigation proved that Miss Lesser was the daughter of Emil Lesser, who mysteriously disappeared about three years ago while secret agents of the allied governments were seeking him as a dangerous German spy.

## MANY CHANGES IN CANADIAN MINISTRY

S. C. Mewburn Succeeded by J. A. Calder as Minister of Militia.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 15.—S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia for two years, quit office to-night and has been succeeded by J. A. Calder, who handled the soldiers' civil reestablishment committee of the House in the last session. The change is regarded as an improvement and will add to efficiency in executive.

The Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment Department is likely to be added to that of Militia, and the present Minister, Sir James Loughhead, will take over public works, now held by Dr. J. D. Reid, along with rails and canals, too much for one man. Immigration and colonization will go into the Department of Interior, as formerly in one, and over which one capable Deputy Minister, C. W. Corry, has presided.

The outlook for the Cabinet to be reduced to fourteen Ministers. A. K. Maclean of Halifax, Minister without portfolio, will retire before the next session opens. Sir A. E. Kemp, Governor of Militia, has retired. The resignation of T. C. Boyle, Deputy Minister of Finance, effective March 31, provides an opportunity for reorganization of that department under a controller of finance, on salary of \$25,000 a year. Commissioner Bradshaw, director of finance in Toronto, is mentioned for the office.

Judgment rendered by Sir Walter Cullen in the Exchequer Court finds that unless authorized to do so specifically by statute, a Cabinet Minister by himself has no power to enter into a contract binding the Government. The concurrence of the Cabinet is necessary. In the judgment Justice Cullen comments in the view of Government counsel that the contract not having been concurred in by the Cabinet was illegal. The plaintiff, Livingston, who lives in Kingston, entered into an agreement with the Minister of Militia in 1911 for the supply and repair of cadet uniforms of the Royal Military College. The contract was to run till June 30, 1915, and thereafter, but could be cancelled on six months' notice in that year or afterward. After the change of Government, Sir Sam Hughes, in 1912, cancelled the contract by letter.

## CIVILIANS CONTROL OCCUPIED AREAS

Americans Alone Remain in Rhine Zone.

By the Associated Press.

COBLENZ, Jan. 12 (delayed).—Military control of the occupied areas of Germany, excepting the zone held by the Americans, passed to-day into the hands of civilians, the Interallied Rhineland High Commission becoming the governing power, according to the terms of peace, with headquarters in Coblenz. In the American area, which must remain technically at least under the armistice status until the United States Senate takes definite action on the peace treaty, ordinances were published in the form of a general order from the commander of the zone, Major-General Henry T. Allen. The programme of the commission will be carried out by the Americans conforming with the other occupied areas of the Rhineland through co-operation between the commission and the American military command.

Pierrepont B. Noyes, appointed by the State Department as representative to head the American section of the commission, will sit informally with the delegates of the European powers until the United States has decided upon the disposition of the treaty.

Under the commission's ordinances German local governing bodies will continue to conduct affairs in the respective districts, under supervision of representatives of the High Commission, which is charged with carrying out the terms of the Rhineland agreement included in the treaty of Versailles.

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## VESTRY CONDONE DR. GRANT'S TALK

In Report to Bishop They Absolve Rector From Blame.

## PARISHIONERS MAY ACT

Dr. Carstensen Says Clergy Will Ask Trial If He Escapes Discipline.

As far as the vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension are concerned the Rev. Dr. Percy Slickney Grant's radical remarks which raised a general furor both in and out of the church stand forgiven. The vestrymen, most of whom are intimate friends of the rector, absolved him yesterday in a report to Bishop Charles Sumner Burch. Dr. Grant himself issued a lengthy statement, in which he sought to defend himself from his critics and again assailed the policy of deporting anarchists.

What action Bishop Burch will take upon the case will depend largely upon an explanation that he has requested the rector to make to him personally.

The Rev. Dr. G. A. Carstensen, rector of Holyrood Protestant Episcopal Church in the Washington Heights section reiterated last night that in the event of Dr. Grant escaping discipline for his recent remarks other clergymen stand ready to ask his trial for alleged violation of the canons.

He said he had received evidence in the form of court records to establish the charge that Dr. Grant had performed the ceremony of marriage for a person who had previously been adjudged guilty in an action for divorce. He expressed the opinion that the report of the vestry was neither "cogent or conclusive," and that Dr. Grant's statement was merely "an attempt at justification. The thing for him to do," he said, "is to follow the example of the Rev. John Haynes Holmes. Let him join the Community Church. The Episcopal Church is no place for him."

Congregation May Act. There is also a grave question as to whether the congregation of the Church of the Ascension as a whole will agree with the vestrymen, for there have been numerous indications to the effect that displeasure among Dr. Grant's parishioners is quite strong.

The vestry report, which was prepared by a committee selected by Dr. Grant himself, asserts that his remarks about the deported anarchists and the Pilgrim fathers were "misinterpreted," but admits that this conclusion is based solely upon the recollection of the pastor and certain of his friends, as he did not speak from manuscript.

Dr. Grant's remark was, according to reports which he himself never publicly denied, that the sailing of the Russian ship "Red" was "misinterpreted," and that his intention was to "contrast" rather than "liken" the anarchists to the Pilgrims.

He intended merely to comment upon the fact that the Mayflower brought the Pilgrim fathers to this country as a political asylum, while the Buford carried away from these shores men who had sought a political asylum here.

The tribute that the rector paid to the Rand School last Sunday night is quoted in the report. Neither do the vestrymen make any mention of his remark delivered a week after his "Buford speech," in which he aroused the wrath of certain persons in the audience by saying that he wondered whether "all liberal minded Americans" were to be deported.

The vestrymen state, however, that in the course of the questioning to which they put the rector he assured them that he is not a Socialist and that he believes in private property rights.

They held that he was within his

## BAKER REPLIES TO MEDALS CHARGES

Makes Public Letter to Representative Gallivan Defending Bliss and Scott.

## ACCUSATIONS AMPLIFIED

Massachusetts Critic Points Out Only One Enlisted Man Got D. S. M.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Controversy over awards of decorations by the War Department was widened to-day when Secretary Baker made public a letter to Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts, challenging statements made a few days ago by Gallivan in the House regarding former chiefs of staff, while Gallivan amplified his previous charges in a written statement.

Mr. Baker's letter dealt with the military records and war service of Gen. Tasker H. Bliss and Maj.-Gen. Hugh L. Scott and John Biddle, predecessors of Gen. Peyton C. March in the office of the Chief of Staff. The Secretary denied emphatically Gallivan's statement that these officers had been removed for inefficiency and said he made the letter public as the only means the officers assailed had of answering such charges.

Representative Gallivan in his statement declared only one private "apparently by error" had been awarded a Distinguished Service Medal while 53 officers and 23 civilians had been given this decoration. He quoted figures as to awards made, adding that he did not desire "to anticipate or befuddle the distinguished Secretary of War" in preparing the report called for under the Gallivan resolution adopted by the House.

"Let it not be forgotten," said Mr. Gallivan's statement, "that the act creating the Distinguished Service Medal abolished the Certificate of Merit, the oldest decoration of the American Army, which was for enlisted men only."

"I do not care to comment upon the figures which I append. It certainly is illuminating and it is proof conclusive that the medal has been restricted to a much narrower field than even I announced in my remarks in Congress."

The figures quoted showed the following distribution of Distinguished Service Medals: Generals, 3; Lieutenant-Generals, 2; Major-Generals, 69; Brigadier-Generals, 12; Colonels, 255; Lieutenant-Colonels, 78; Majors, 19; Captains, 6; Lieutenants, 3; chaplains, 43; sergeants, 1; corporals, none; privates, 1; civilians (male), 25; civilians (female), 8.

"How carefully our Allies awarded this same distinguished decoration," the statement said, "can be noted from the following figures, which show the awards of the Distinguished Service Medal by countries: American (including seven to foreigners), 525; French, 144; British, 79; Italian, 22; Belgian, 19; Japanese, 4; Rumanians, 1."

The police order for Jesseman's arrest says that Frank Tymn, his close friend, also is missing.

HARVARD WANTS DR. FINNEY. Well Known Surgeon Goes to Boston to Confer on Offer.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN. BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Dr. J. M. L. Finney, associate professor of surgery in the Johns Hopkins Medical School and chief consultant in surgery of the American Expeditionary Forces during the war, left for Boston this evening to discuss with the Harvard University authorities an offer to him to take the chair of surgery there.

Dr. Finney was offered the presidency of Princeton in 1911, when that office was left vacant by the resignation of Woodrow Wilson.

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## \$37,000,000 CLAIMS HELD

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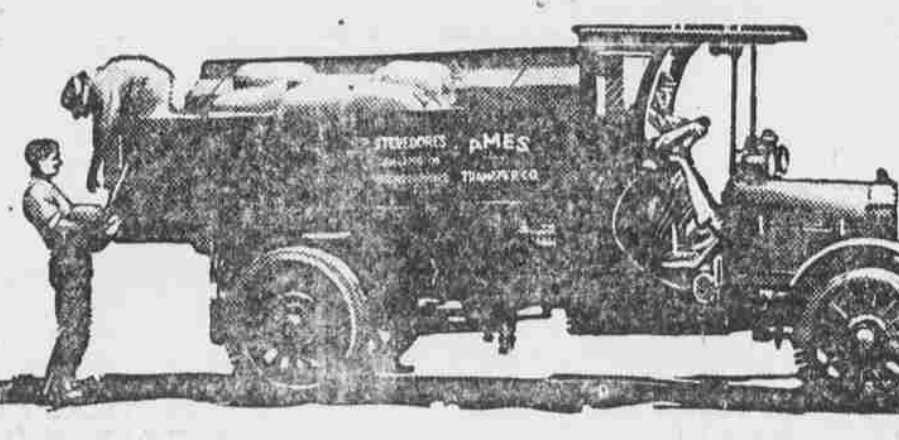
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## Sir Christopher Wren Houses in New York

Two rows of six houses each, sitting back to back in the East 60s, are being remodelled by a New York architect on the style brought to perfection by the famous Sir Christopher Wren, the greatest architect England has ever produced, early in the 18th Century.

The back yards are being transformed into a large community court, which, as the illustration indicates, will be one of the most charming spots in New York when finished and inhabited.

A complete description, illustrated, of this achievement in beautiful home building will be published in the

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